



Please note that our 13 January GCC meeting will be held at the Junior Ranks Mess, Beaver Hall, Wolseley Barracks

- *Meet and Greet 11:15 a.m.*
- *Lunch service begins at 11:30 a.m.*
- *Speaker 12:00 p.m.*



DECEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER



Meet & Greet: 11:15 hrs *Junior Ranks Mess, Beaver Hall, Wolseley Barracks,*
Wednesday, 13 January 2016
11:30 hrs lunch service begins (*Please bring a guest*)

Regular Meeting: 12:00 hrs meeting starts

Speaker: Speaker: **Inspector Andrew Cowan, Officer in Charge,**
London RCMP Detachment
(bio in January Newsletter)

Lunch Menu:



Please Note: As The Catering Company is reinstating *Wednesday Lunches* at the Mess and they may also be serving non-GCC Members in the messes, to avoid confusion going through the line, we will NOT be using the *Eventbrite* process any further. We will be returning to a cash purchase system as was previously the case.

- Chef's choices will include: Soup and Salad; Soup and Sandwich; Hot Entrée; Dessert



GCC President's Comments

I am honoured both to be a member of our Garrison Community Council and to serve this term as its President. I look forward to working with you all in support of our mission to "... build greater understanding and support of the Canadian Forces..." It is our practice not to issue a GCC Newsletter for December so in order to update you on a few matters, please note the information below.

New Year's Day Levées

A number of Levées are held on New Year's day in our region. The hours for two, HMCS Prevost and the Wolseley Messes, are noted below.

- HMCS Prevost- 1100 hrs to 1300hrs
- Wolseley Messes- 1200 hrs to 1400 hrs

The Levée has a long tradition in the Canadian Forces as one of the activities associated with New Year's Day. The tradition in Canada dates back to the 1600s in New France and the British continued the tradition. It was in Canada that the Levée became associated with New Year's Day and perpetuates a custom of this country, dating from the days of the fur trade, where people of that trade traditionally paid their respects to their representative of government... the "Master of the Fort" ... on New Year's Day.

GCC Executive

We are pleased to announce that John Cook has agreed to serve as our 3rd Vice President. We welcome John to the Executive and look forward to his involvement on the Executive. John has many connections to London and region's military community.

"Eventbrite" Discontinued

Please note that the use of "*Eventbrite*" is being discontinued. While this pilot was designed to provide a more accurate number of meals to be provided at GCC meetings, our caterer has indicated that this is no longer needed as they are now also serving lunch to Mess members during the same period as GCC meetings. Lunch will continue to be available to GCC members but on a cash only basis.

Our next Regular GCC Meeting is on Wednesday 13 January at the Junior Ranks Mess, Beaver Hall, Wolseley Barracks. Watch for details in the next (January) GCC Newsletter that will be issued in late December. RCMP Inspector Andrew Cowan will be our guest speaker.

Wishing you and yours the very best for the holiday season.

Gerry Treble
President



WBOM Update

Return Home

Many associate members have visited the Mess since its recent re-opening and the feedback is mostly favourable. Granted, there are a few that long for days past but for the most part, associate members are keen to rekindle support for our mess. The general mess meeting and the first luncheon the last week of November were both well attended.

Mess luncheons will be held again on Wednesdays until Wednesday 9 December before the caterer stands down for the holidays.

In addition, the mess is open Fridays 1500 – 1800hrs for happy hour. At 1800hrs, if members are willing to cover the bartender's wages with overhead (\$20hr), and providing the bartender is willing, happy hour can be extended to / but not later than 2000hrs.

Mess Dues

The associate member annual dues are reduced from \$220 to \$150 and due January 1st. Several members have already paid (yes, including me) and we hope to hear soon from the balance of associate members. Your dues may be paid at the bar, through the mess manager or by mail Wolseley Barracks Officer Mess, 701 Oxford Street East, London, Ontario N5Y 4T7.

Wolseley Barracks non-public assets for auction

In response to those parties interested to bid on non-public mess assets, there was a viewing / silent auction at the former officers' mess building the first week of December. The successful bidders are responsible for removing their purchase from the facility not-later-than 1600hrs, Friday, 15 January. There may yet be a subsequent auction. Stay tuned.

Cheers, Randy

The London Garrison Levees

HMCS Prevost: New Year's Levee – Wardroom - 01 January 2016 – 1100hrs to 1300 hrs

Wolseley Barracks Messes: New Year's Levee – All Messes – 01 January 2016 – 1200 hrs to 1400 hrs

427 Wing: New Year's Levee - 01 January 2016 -1400hrs to 1600hrs - Dress Code, Light Refreshments, Bar Open



Best of the Season from your GCC Executive

